



Sermon Notes for 03.01.26 ~ Isaiah 55:1-9

The Higher Way

On **The Way**, you and I claim those life lessons as we journey toward the cross with Jesus; yet for today we journey with the prophet Isaiah.

How does the prophet Isaiah offer a picture of abundance?

Invitation (vv. 1-2)
Covenant (vv. 3-5)
Divine Guidance (vv. 6-9)

How are all invited, without price, to the abundance of God's grace?

physical hunger vs. spiritual hunger
hungering & thirsting
(for food that satisfied and water that quenched)
God provided for exiles / God sent Messiah
(Bread of Life / Living Water)
God's goodness, abundance, covenant love & grace
(offered without price)
God's ways & thoughts higher than our own

How might we embody this higher way for the sake of our corner of the world?

You and I must embody this "**higher way**" in our corner of the world needs to experience **God's abundant grace**, yet how do you best embrace God's grace so that you can share it?

- **Cultivate Daily Gratitude:** Thank God for grace in good and difficult circumstances.
- **Stop Striving, Start Receiving:** Let go of perfection, and accept how God's grace defines your identity. Seek to live with fewer regrets.
- **Extend Grace to Others:** Demonstrate kindness, compassion, and forgiveness to others as you have received.
- **Engage in Spiritual Disciplines:** Cultivate that sense of being a Deep, Daring, & Daily disciple. In addition to worship, connect with God through prayer, reading Scripture, serving others, and fellowship.
- **Rest & Reflect:** Find a "**rhythm of grace**" taking time to pause, rest, and reflect on God's goodness and mercy daily.

How does FaithWestwood claim God's abundance?

Micah Center updates
Signs of abundance shared at Vision Luncheon

How did our vision survey reveal our identity and inspire us to move forward with intention and purpose?

see Vision Survey Results handout